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SUBJECT: GSP MAURITANIA AND THE UNCTAD FORM A

1. DURING NOVEMBER 1976 MS. PEGGY BLITZ VISITED MAURITANIA AND PURCHASED A NUMBER OF ARTICLES FOR COMMERICAL RE-SALE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE ITEMS, ALL LOCAL HANDICRAFTS, WERE TO BE IMPORTED UNDER GSP. MS BLITZ WAS UNABLE TO GET THE ITEMS CERTIFIED ONAN UNCTAD FORM A; THERE WERE NO FORM A'S AVAILABLE IN MAURITANIA. AFTER VERIFYING THIS FACT, THE EMBASSY CERTIFIED THAT SUCH A FORM WAS NOT AVAILABLE HERE. IN PLACE OF THE UNCTAD FORM, A CERTIFICAT D'ORIGINE DE COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST WAS ISSUED TO MS. BLITZ BY THE MAURITANIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. US CUSTOMS, AFTER ORIGINALLY ACCEPTING THE CEAO DOCUMENT, HAS NOW DECIDED THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NOUAKCHOTT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IT IS TALKING ABOUT, HAS TOLD MS. BLITZ THAT THERE ARE UNCTAD FORM A'S IN MAURITANIA, AND THAT SHE MUST PRESENT ONE BY FEBRUARY 15 TO OBTAIN GSP TREATMENT FOR HER MAURITANIAN PURCHASES. THE EMBASSY HAS AGAIN CHECKED WITH BOTH THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE MAURITANIAN CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION THE ONLY TWO CERTIFYING AGENCIES IN MAURITANIA; BOTH HAVE AGAIN REITERATED THEY DO NOT RPT NOT HAVE THE UNCTAD FORM A. JFB HAVE

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NEVER RPT NEVER HAD THE FORM.

2. MS. BLITZ OBTAINED A COPY OF FORM A FROM US CUSTOMS AND SENT IT TO MAURITANIA. EMBASSY MAILED COMPLETED FORM TO HER IN BOSTON VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH WHICH LEFT NOUAKCHOTT FEBRUARY 11. BUT COMPLETED FORM A WILL PROBABLY NOT ARRIVE BEFORE THE FEBRUARY 15 DEAD-

LINE THAT US CUSTOMS HAS SET.

3. ACTION REQUIRED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE US CUSTOMS OFFICE IN BOSTON ASAP AND 1) REPORT HAT MS. BLITZ'S US-SUPPLIED UNCTAD FORM A HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND CERTIFIED, AND IS IN THE MAIL TO BOSTON, BUT 2) THE FORM WILL PROBABLY NOT ARRIVE IN BOSTON BEFORE THE CUSTOMS DEADLINE, AND 3) REQUEST BOSTON CUSTOMS OFFICE EITHER TO ACCEPT THE CEAO ORIGIN FORM CERTIFIED IN NOVEMBER 1976 OR EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE UNCTAD FORM. DEPARTMENT MIGHT ALSO POINT OUT TO BOSTON CUSTOMS OFFICE THAT EMBASSY NOUAKHOTT DOES NOT MAKE A PRACTICE OF CERTIFYING MISSTATEMENTS OF FACT: THAT THERE WERE NO UNCTAD FORM IN NOUAKHOTT IN NOVEMBER AND THERE ARE NONE NOW. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ALSO RAISE BROADER QUESTION OF AVAILABILITY ABROAD OF DOCUMENTS/FORMS REQUIRED BY US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH DEPARTMENTS OF TREASURY AND COMMERCE. IF US CUSTOMS OFFICES ARE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERPRET GSP REGULATIONS IN NARROW AND INFLEXIBLE MANNER BOSTON CUSTOMS OFFICE HAS IN THIS INSTANCE, ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE SOONEST TO PROVIDE EVERY US EMBASSY AND CONSULATE WITH SUPPLY OF FORMS DEMANDED BY US CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. FINALLY, IN TERMS OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OWN RELATIONS WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE (AND VOTERS), REQUEST DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE MS. BLITZ TO REPORT WHAT FOREIGN SERVICE HAS DONE IN ATTEMPT TO HELP HER SOLVE HER PROBLEM, GENTLY QUESTIONING FACT HER ALMOST INEVITABLE "BEEF" WITH USG IS NOT WITH STATE OR FOREIGN SERVICE.

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